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For the last 43 years, I have suffered from a severe case of paruresis, or shy bladder syndrome, a condition that has negatively impacted almost every aspect of my life.

Though never subjected to one, I know it would be impossible for me to pass a standard drug test which required me to produce a urine sample as a condition for employment. . Because I have never used illegal drugs, I would certainly agree to be tested - but my body simply would not cooperate. Please do not equate my inability to provide a urine sample with my willingness to do so.

Current regulations on drug testing are unfair and do not reflect any understanding of the affliction of paruresis. I urge you to provide for the mandatory use of alternative testing technology (hair, oral fluids, sweat) to any applicant or employee who requests accomodation for shy bladder syndrome.

Sincerely,
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